

MEMORANDUM

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To: Transportation Commissioners

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Subject: Accelerated Funding for Surface Treatment Projects

As a follow-up to our discussion in July, this memo is to provide additional information on advancement of Surface Treatment funds and projects. The decision on advancement is anticipated to be part of the budget supplement which will be presented to you at the August meeting in Durango.

A workshop with the Regional Transportation Directors resulted in the identification of \$224 million of projects which could be advanced into FY'13.

The list of potential projects identified by the RTDs was distributed as follows:

Interstate	\$70 million
National Highway System	\$64 million
Non-NHS with AADT >4000	\$18 million
Non-NHS with AADT between 2-4000	\$43 million
Non-NHS with AADT <2000	<u>\$29 million</u>
	\$224 million

My opinion is that such a large increase to our current fiscal year allocation of \$114 million would be unsustainable in future years and would create major fluctuations in the program funding as we move ahead.

My recommendation is to advance \$86 million of the FY '14 Surface Treatment program. The Regions would advertise the projects in late calendar year 2012 or the first quarter of calendar year 2013. Approximately one-third of the total program would be spent in FY '13.

All \$86 million would be spent on either Interstate or National Highway System (NHS) highways. This increased program can be delivered without significantly impacting Region staff or industry.

Additionally, for your information, we did a review of the FY '13 Surface Treatment program. That analysis shows the following distribution of the \$134 million programmed:

Interstate	\$33 million
NHS	\$51 million
Non-NHS	\$50 million

Some of these projects have been advertised and all of them were selected two or three years ago, prior to the more recent emphasis on higher volume highways. My recommendation is to let them proceed as programmed.

Looking forward to more discussion at our August workshop. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting feel free to give me a call.